



The Navigator

Knights of Columbus - Fourth Degree

Junipero Serra Assembly 0044

March 2019

Siempre Adalento (Always Forward) Fr Serra's Motto

CALENDAR

March's Dinner Meeting	18 Mar
April's Officers Meeting	01 Apr
March's Dinner Meeting	15 Apr

February's Dinner Meeting

On **Monday 18 March**, we will have our March dinner meeting beginning with a "social hour" at **6:30 PM** and a dinner will be served a little after **7:00 PM**.

BIRTHDAYS for February and March

The following Sir Knights will celebrate a birthday during the months of February and March.

Rev Anthony Cacciapuoti	2 Feb
Edward Corral	8 Feb
Gerald N Liponi	14 Feb
Max F. Keller	18 Feb
Brian Klinge	25 Feb
Mansfield H. Turney	1 Mar
Thomas L. Cordeiro	2 Mar
Jack E Ward	5 Mar
Lawrence W Torres	14 Mar
Frederick W Brokaski	25 Mar
William McNamara	26 Mar

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LENTEN FISH FRY

Goleta Council 5300 is having their annual Fish Fries every Friday during Lent at the Parish Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The cost is \$10 per person.

CHALICE DONATION IN MEMORY OF SK JOE DARGA.

Joe Darga's memorial chalice was sent to a Salesian bishop, Bishop George Pallippambil, in a remote area in northeast India. Since first arriving in Arunachal Pradesh, India nearly 40 years ago, Bishop George Pallippambil has worked tirelessly to improve circumstances and opportunities among the thousands of people whom he serves. His efforts have increased church membership from 900 to 90,000 in the area. Many live in tribal communities unreachable by car yet that has never weakened his resolve. He has established 46 schools that together educate 180,000 impoverished students; 17 dispensaries and a hospital that offer preventive care and medicine; a vocational training center; and much more ... all in the furthest reaches of the state. His successes are evident. At the Newman School in the remote village of Neotan, for example, 100 percent of students are fully literate. In recognition for his "*exceptional leadership in serving humanity*," the All India Council of Human Rights, Liberties and Social Justice recently awarded Bp. Pallippambil with its prestigious Certificate of Excellence. In his acceptance speech, the Salesian humbly dedicated the honor to the "*last, least, and lost*" of Arunachal Pradesh.



KEEP in YOUR PRAYERS

Teresa Barrier, Zea Bauer who suffered a stroke, Joe Kovach, John Schlesselmann, Billy Scroggins, Roberta Coyne wife of SK Paul Coyne, SK Bob Marks, SK Mark Vampola, SK Ken Kuether, Frank Donohoe PFN, Sharon Donohoe, daughter of PFN Frank and Cay Donohoe and sister of FN Patrick Donohoe, Manual Cabrera and his spouse, brother and sister-in-law of SK Francisco Cabrera, Miguel Cabrera, father of SK Francisco Cabrera, Steve Armitage, Maggie Crosby, Francis Sanchez, Teresa Barrier, SK Ed Barrier, Bradley Stephens, son-in-law of Jack Turney who has with a Stage IV melanoma cancer, Lee Alfano widow of SK Sam Alfano, SK Brian Klinge, Terry Pugh , wife of SK Earl Pugh; SK Larry Torres, SK Bill McNamara, SK Felix Sanchez, Ruben Sanchez, brother of SK Felix Sanchez, Anita Pullens sisters-in-law to SK Felix Sanchez, Sr. Teresa Meza, Sister of SK José Meza, Maria Sanchez, wife of José Meza, Christian Franzen, nephew of SK Dn Wayne, Hannah Fay Salupen, Fr. Bruce, who is having some medical issues, Fr. James, who is having some medical issues, Fr. David Velasquez who is dealing with many medical issues, Fr. Frank Colburn, and Fr. Tomas Elis.

Pray for Pope Francis, our bishops, priests and deacons who are our spiritual leaders in our spiritual community.

ST JOSEPH'S CLOSING CELEBRATION OF OUR 85TH ANNIVERSARY YEAR

The community of St Joseph in Carpinteria invites you to the closing of our 85th anniversary year on 17 March with a 10a Bilingual Mass with Bishop Barron and a luncheon afterwards.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD

CHAPTER THREE IN THE LIGHT OF THE MASTER

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR

RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN"

90. Jesus himself warns us that the path he proposes goes against the flow, even making us challenge society by the way we live and, as a result, becoming a nuisance. He reminds us how many people have been, and still are, persecuted simply because they struggle for justice, because they take seriously their commitment to God and to others. Unless we wish to sink into an obscure mediocrity, let us not long for an easy life, for *"whoever would save his life will lose it"* (Mt 16:25).

91. In living the Gospel, we cannot expect that everything will be easy, for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Saint John Paul II noted that *"a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer this gift of self and to establish this solidarity between people"*. In such a society, politics, mass communications and economic, cultural and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule.

92. Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification. We must never forget that when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel's sake, it speaks precisely of persecution (cf. Acts 5:41; Phil 1:29; Col 1:24; 2 Tim 1:12; 1 Pet 2:20, 4:14-16; Rev 2:10).

93. Here we are speaking about inevitable persecution, not the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that. The Book of Acts states repeatedly that they enjoyed favor *"with all the people"* (2:47; cf. 4:21.33; 5:13), even as some authorities harassed and persecuted them (cf. 4:1-3, 5:17-18).

94. Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people *"utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account"* (Mt 5:11). At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.

THE GREAT CRITERION

95. In the twenty-fifth chapter of Matthew's Gospel (vv. 31-46), Jesus expands on the Beatitude that calls the merciful blessed. If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me"* (vv. 35-36).



IN FIDELITY TO THE MASTER

96. Holiness, then, is not about swooning in mystic rapture. As Saint John Paul II said: *"If we truly start out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he himself wished to be identified"*. The text of Matthew 25:35-36 is *"not a simple invitation to charity: it is a page of Christology which sheds a ray of light on the mystery of Christ"*. *-Saint John Paul II* In this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate.

97. Given these uncompromising demands of Jesus, it is my duty to ask Christians to acknowledge and accept them in a spirit of genuine openness, *sine glossa*. In other words, without any *"ifs or buts"* that could lessen their force. Our Lord made it very clear that holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is *"the beating heart of the Gospel"*. *-Pope Francis*

98. If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity, and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being? We can recall the Good Samaritan's reaction upon meeting the man attacked by robbers and left for dead (cf. *Lk 10:30-37*).

99. For Christians, this involves a constant and healthy unease. Even if helping one person alone could justify all our efforts, it would not be enough. The bishops of Canada made this clear when they noted, for example, that the biblical understanding of the jubilee year was about more than simply performing certain good works. It also meant seeking social change: *"For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion"*. *-Social Affairs Commission of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, THE COMMON GOOD OR EXCLUSION: A CHOICE FOR CANADIANS*

IDEOLOGIES STRIKING AT THE HEART OF THE GOSPEL

100. I regret that ideologies lead us at times to two harmful errors. On the one hand, there is the error of those Christians who separate these Gospel demands from their personal relationship with the Lord, from their interior union with him, from openness to his grace. Christianity thus becomes a sort of NGO stripped of the luminous mysticism so evident in the lives of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Vincent de Paul, Saint Teresa of Calcutta, and many others. For these great saints, mental prayer, the love of God and the reading of the Gospel in no way detracted from their passionate and effective commitment to their neighbors; quite the opposite.

101. The other harmful ideological error is found in those who find suspect the social engagement of others, seeing it as superficial, worldly, secular, materialist, communist or populist. Or they relativize it, as if there are other more important matters, or the only thing that counts is one particular ethical issue or cause that they themselves defend. Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development. Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection. The Fifth General Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Bishops, echoing the Church's constant teaching, stated that human beings *"are always sacred, from their conception, at all stages of existence, until their natural death, and after death"*, and that life must be safeguarded *"starting at conception, in all its stages, until natural death"*. We cannot uphold an ideal of holiness that would ignore injustice in a world where some revel, spend with abandon and live only for the latest consumer goods, even as others look on from afar, living their entire lives in abject poverty.

102. We often hear it said that, with respect to relativism and the flaws of our present world, the situation of migrants, for example, is a lesser issue. Some Catholics consider it a secondary issue compared to the *"grave"* bioethical questions. That a politician looking for votes might say such a thing is understandable, but not a Christian, for whom the only proper attitude is to stand in the shoes of those brothers and sisters of ours who risk their lives to offer a future to their children. Can we not realize that this is exactly what Jesus demands of us, when he tells us that in welcoming the stranger we welcome him (cf. *Mt 25:35*)? Saint Benedict did so readily, and though it might have *"complicated"* the life of his monks, he ordered that all guests who knocked at the monastery door be welcomed *"like Christ"*, with a gesture of veneration; the poor and pilgrims were to be met with *"the greatest care and solicitude"*.

103. A similar approach is found in the Old Testament: *"You shall not wrong a stranger or oppress him, for you yourselves were strangers in the land of Egypt"* (*Ex 22:21*). *"When a stranger resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress him. The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; and you shall love him as yourself; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt"* (*Lev 19:33-34*). This is not a notion invented by some Pope, or a momentary fad. In today's world too, we are called to follow the path of spiritual wisdom proposed by the prophet Isaiah to show what is pleasing to God. *"Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn"* (*58:7-8*).

***INTERCESSION TO APOSTLE OF CALIFORNIA
PADRE JUNIPERO SERRA***

O Lord Jesus Christ, reward the apostolic zeal of Your servant, Padre Junipero Serra, who departing his native Spain, labored for the salvation of souls in Mexico and California. Graciously deign by evident signs and prodigies to glorify him, so that for the exaltation of Your Most Holy Name, he may be elevated to the honors of the altar. Through Padre's intercession kindly grant the special favor, I request.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

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